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TEXT OF HUA KUO-FENG TOAST AT PEKING BANQUET FOR NIXON
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(TEXT) PEKING, FEBRUARY 22, 1976 (HSINHUA)--FOLLOWING
IS THE FULL TEXT OF ACTING PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'S
TOAST AT THE BANQUET IN HONOUR OF RICHARD M. NIXON,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
HERE THIS EVENING:

MR. AND MRS. NIXON,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

FOUR YEARS AGO, PRESIDENT NIXON VISITED OUR
COUNTRY, AND CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES ISSUED THE
FAMOUS SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. THAT HISTORIC EVENT HAS
PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN IMPROVING AND DEVELOPING SINO-
U.S. RELATIONS AND EXERTED A FAR-REACHING INFLUENCE
INTERNATIONALLY. MR. NIXON CERTAINLY SHOWED
FAR-SIGHTEDNESS IN TAKING THIS COURAGEOUS ACTION IN HIS
CAPACITY AS U.S. PRESIDENT AT A TIME WHEN CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES HAD BEEN
SUSPENDED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. THE REDWOOD
SAPLINGS PRESIDENT NIXON BROUGHT HERE AS A GIFT FROM
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE GROWING
STURDILY, SYMBOLIZING A NEW PHASE OF FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES. IN THE 4

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YEARS SINCE THEN, CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE RESUMED AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IMPROVED ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. ON THE SIGNIFICANT OCCASION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST VISIT TO CHINA, MR. AND MRS. NIXON HAVE COME AGAIN TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO EXTEND, ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, OUR WARM WELCOME TO YOU AND THE OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE A GREAT PEOPLE. THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE A GREAT PEOPLE. OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER. TRUE, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND IDEOLOGIES AND THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE ON QUITE A NUMBER OF ISSUES. HOWEVER, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MANY POINTS IN COMMON IN THE WORLD TODAY. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS PURSUED AND WILL CONSISTENTLY PURSUE THE LINE, PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES LAID DOWN BY CHAIRMAN MAO IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT SO LONG AS BOTH SIDES EARNESTLY IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WILL FURTHER IMPROVE, AND THAT THIS CONFORMS TO THE COMMON DESIRE OF THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IN THE PAST 4 YEARS, THE WORLD HAS WITNESS A SERIES OF IMPORTANT EVENTS, AND ENCOURAGING CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THE SITUATION CHARACTERIZED BY GREAT DISORDER UNDER HEAVEN IS DEVELOPING FURTHER AND BECOMING BETTER AND BETTER. THE DANGER OF THE OUTBREAK OF A NEW WAR KEEPS GROWING AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSE RIVALRY FOR WORLD HEGEMONY, AND IN PARTICULAR, THAT IMPERIALISM WHICH FLAUNTS THE SIGNBOARD OF "SOCIALISM" HAS REACHED OUT ITS GRASPING HANDS EVERYWHERE AND CARRIED OUT RAPID EXPANSION. IT HAS BECOME THAT MAIN SOURCE OF WAR. THIS IS A FACT WHICH ATTRACTS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TODAY. THE ONLY REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION IS FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO HEIGHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE, STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY AND GET WELL PREPARED AGAINST WAR. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT MR. NIXON WROTE IN JUNE 1972 THAT AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS ARE HELD IN CHECK NOT BY IDEALISM. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THIS EXPANSIONISM IS PITTABLE, BEING LACKING IN CAPABILITIES THOUGH WILD IN AMBITION. ITS AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION EVERYWHERE BEAR THE SEED OF DEFEAT. HISTORY HAS TIME AND AGAIN

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PROVED THAT EXPANSIONISTS NEVER COME TO A GOOD END, SUCH WAS THE CASE WITH HITLER, AND THE HEGEMONISM OF TODAY WILL COME TO NO BETTER END. IT IS THE PEOPLE, AND DEFINITELY NOT HEGEMONISM, THAT IS REALLY POWERFUL.

IN CHINA, A REVOLUTIONARY MASS DEBATE IS GOING ON IN SUCH CIRCLES AS EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IT IS A CONTINUATION AND DEEPENING OF THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION. IT FULLY DEMONSTRATES THE EXTENSIVE DEMOCRACY PRACTISED IN OUR COUNTRY UNDER THE SYSTEM OF SOCIALISM. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, THROUGH THIS DEBATE, CHAIRMAN MAO'S PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY LINE WILL FIND ITS WAY DEEPER INTO THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE, AND OUR SOCIALIST MOTHERLAND WILL BE FURTHER CONSOLIDATED. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE US TO DO BETTER IN MAKING A GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO HUMANITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAIRMAN MAO'S TEACHING.

THE NEXT FIFTY TO HUNDRED YEARS OR SO WILL BE A GREAT ERA OF RADICAL CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AN EARTH-SHAKING ERA WITHOUT EQUAL IN ANY PREVIOUS HISTORICAL PERIOD. THE ROAD OF ADVANCE OF HUMAN HISTORY IS ALWAYS TORTUOUS, BUT WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, BY MAKING UNREMITTING STRUGGLE, WILL USHER IN A MOST SPLENDID FUTURE.

FINALLY, I PROPOSE A TOAST

TO THE HEALTH OF FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON AND MRS. NIXON,

TO THE HEALTH OF THE OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS,

TO THE HEALTH OF ALL FRIENDS AND COMRADES PRESENT, AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES!

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